Abstract of the Disclosure:

A disk substrate for a perpendicular magnetic recording medium comprises a disk base member, a soft magnetic layer formed on the disk base member, and a protection layer formed on the soft magnetic layer. The soft magnetic layer and the protection layer are deposited by sputtering. A perpendicular magnetic recording disk comprises the above-mentioned disk substrate and at least a perpendicular magnetic recording layer formed thereon. The perpendicular magnetic recording layer is deposited on the disk substrate by sputtering after the disk substrate is heated.